



IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Ronald D. Larson

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Application No.: 09/172,389

Examiner: Nguyen, Kimbinh T

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Group Art Unit: 2671

Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UPDATING A HIERARCHICAL Z BUFFER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
(X) New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee
() Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	MINUS	20	= 1	X \$50	\$ 50
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$120.00	2ND MONTH \$450.00	3RD MONTH \$1020.00	4TH MONTH \$1590.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 50

Charge \$ 50 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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In re the application of:)
 Ronald D. Larson)
Serial No.: 09/172,389) Art Unit: 2671
Filed: October 14, 1998) Examiner: Nguyen, Kimbinh T.
For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS) Docket No.: 10981013-1
 FOR UPDATING A HIERARCHICAL)
 Z BUFFER)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In regard to the outstanding non-final Office Action of March 3, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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